

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 6/25/76

FROM : SAC CHICAGO (182-3934)

SUBJECT: HARRY SAM ALEMAN;



WILLIAM J. PETROCELLI, aka
"Butch!!"



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For the information of the Bureau, the normal ninety-day period for submission of the initial letter has been extended due to case Agents preparation for and activity in the trial of HERBERT BLITZSTEIN, aka ET AL, IGB, OO: CHICAGO, CG file 182-2608, which concluded on June 17, 1976.

Investigation in the matter began on March 1, 1976, as a result of information from [redacted] to Special Agent (SA) [redacted] that HARRY ALEMAN and "BUTCH" PETROCELLI, are currently running gambling operations in the Taylor and Racine area of Chicago, Illinois, as old Italian area. Source also advised that [redacted] (Last Name Unknown) and [redacted] assist ALEMAN and PETROCELLI in this gambling business by taking bets and providing locations for dice games. It is noted that the family of [redacted] owns [redacted]

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[redacted] which was raided by local authorities on December 14, 1970, for conducting a wireroom operation, and that [redacted] father of [redacted] has been investigated for gambling activities in the past by local authorities.

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[redacted] also stated that locations for dice games were the Roosevelt Auto and Glass, 1708 South Ashland, Chicago, 1015 West Polk, Chicago, and a boarded up store front on the north side of Taylor Street, the second building east. Observations of these locations during the evening hours of March 5, 1976, and March 12, 1976, revealed no unusual activity.

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On March 4, 1976, during an investigation in the case of SAM SAMARCO, aka ET AL, ITWI; IGB, OO: CHICAGO, CG file 165-2339, it was revealed that telephone number [redacted]

was an alternate wireroom for SAMARCO bookmaker [redacted]

This number [redacted] is listed to [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted] revealed [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted] residing at this

location was a white female, [redacted] years old, named [redacted]

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It is noted that on February 21, 1976, [redacted] was arrested by local authorities for operating a dice game at [redacted] and that [redacted]

[redacted] was arrested by local authorities on May 7, 1976,

along with a white male, Date of Birth [redacted], named [redacted]

[redacted] for operating a dice game at [redacted]

At this time [redacted] gave an address of [redacted]

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On April 20, 1976, [redacted] advised SA [redacted] [redacted], that [redacted] is operating a wireroom for [redacted]

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[redacted] at number [redacted] listed to [redacted]
[redacted] Source stated
this room currently accepting baseball wagers and will
take football action during the 1976-1977 season. During
May, 1976, and June, 1976, [redacted] advised SA [redacted]
[redacted] that ALEMAN and PETROCELLI will use [redacted]
[redacted] to set up wirerooms in order to conduct a bookmaking
operation during the football season of 1976-1977.

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On April 23, 1976, [redacted] advised SA
[redacted] that [redacted] aka [redacted] handles
horse and sports bets for ALEMAN and PETROCELLI. Source
described [redacted] as a retired [redacted]
[redacted] years old, who picks up bets [redacted]
[redacted] and hangs out at the Survivors SAC on Taylor Street
in Chicago, Illinois. 76
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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. 1. Will determine complete
background of subjects and attempt to determine their
current relationships.

2. Will subpoena [redacted] from [redacted]
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3. Will conduct observations of subjects to
determine their activities.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE 10/4/76

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (182-3934)

SUBJECT: HARRY SAM ALEMAN, aka;
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Re Chicago letter to the Bureau dated 6/25/76.

On 7/13/76, [] was arrested by Agents of the Illinois Bureau of Investigation (IBI) in the vicinity of Flash Delivery Service, 4711 West 16th, Cicero, Illinois, on charges of possession of a stolen motor vehicle. At the time of the arrest, JAMES "TURK" TORELLO was present along with [] TORELLO is the La Cosa Nostra (LCN) figure for which HARRY ALEMAN and WILLIAM PETROCELLI are reported to be acting for. A collection list was found on [] but it was unknown if the list pertained to juice or gambling connections. Phone numbers found on [] listed to both juice and gambling figures.

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A review of [] pertaining to []

[] revealed [] individuals believed to be involved in gambling activities, but no patterns of bookmaking activities were revealed.

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During August, 1976, [] advised he did not know if bookmaking has continued at telephone number []

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since it had shut down after heavy losses during baseball season.

On 9/12/76, [] advised SA FRANK FORD that [] handles collections and payouts of the gambling action conducted in the SAC Club, 1140 West Taylor, Chicago, Illinois. This location handles action from the neighborhood area allegedly controlled by HARRY ALEMAN and WILLIAM "BUTCH" PETROCELLI. [] reviewed in this case revealed []

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Investigation has not revealed ALEMAN and PETROCELLI to be operating bookmaking establishments themselves, but are believed to be acting as muscle for any bookmaking business. It is believed that in the next ninety days it can be determined if an organized bookmaking business is established in the Taylor-Racine area of Chicago, and who the participants are.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

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FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (182-3934) (C)

SUBJECT: HARRY SAM ALEMAN, aka;
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Re Chicago letter to Bureau, dated 10/4/76.

Investigation in this matter began as a result of information received from [redacted] and verified by [redacted]. It is noted that neither of these individuals are in a position to provide current information concerning case.

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[redacted] subpoenaed in this have been thoroughly reviewed. Even though [redacted]

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[redacted] it has not been possible to make a determination if some are, in fact, bookmaking locations. It has not been possible because [redacted] center in the old Italian neighborhood of Chicago's near west side where people are expected to be in touch with each other due to a neighbor or ethnic relationship. This ethnic relationship of the area has made surveillance extremely difficult.

On 12/21/76, Agents of the Chicago Office arrested HARRY ALEMAN on UFAP - Murder charges as a result of a 1972 Chicago murder.

Inasmuch as no pattern of bookmaking activity has been determined and because ALEMAN is now incarcerated on murder charges, case is being placed in a closed status.

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